pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1295 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the reasons that quantity of import of insecticides, fungicides, herbicides has not been specified by the RC of Insecticides Act for various parties as given in Annexure-I of the above referred question;

(b) what are the norms and conditions laid down by Government allowing of import which have been granted registrate in U/S 9 (3B) of the Insecticides Act during the last three years party-wise and norms for pending application under section 9 (3B) of the 2A; and

(c) the total number of the meetings of the Registration Committee held since July, 1987 month-wise and decisions taken there at meeting-wise for grant of Registration U/S 9 (3B) of the Inseticides Act and quantum of import allowed party-wise and on whose recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The RC does not specify any quantity in the Registration Certificate in respect of:—

(i) Insecticides, exclusively meant for making formulation for export only; and

(ii) Insecticides, allowed for commercial use.

(b) Since the RC is fully empowered under Section 9 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 only to determine the conditions of registration, no norms and conditions have been laid down by the Government.

(c) The total number of meetings of the Registration Committee held since 1987 month-wise for grant of registration under Section 9 (3B) and quantum of import allowed party-wise are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 148]

Sale of Capricum and Tomato Seeds

2751. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seeds of Capricum and tomato have been sold at Rs. 21,000|- and Rs. 13,000|- repectively as appeared in "the Hindustan Times" dated 28th February, 1989 under the caption 'Wonder Tomato';

(b) what are the administrative and technical difficulties Government are having for not allowing vegetable seeds under OGL to actual growers/users so that such seeds could be available to the farmers at reasonable price; and

(c) whether import of sun-flower seeds are put under OGL, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The prices of hybrid seeds of Capricum and Tomato produced by M/s. Indo-American Hybrid Seeds are Rs. 20,000|- per Kg. and Rs. 12,500|- per Kg. respectively. There is no statutory control over the Seed prises of Private Seed Companies. They fix the price at their own commercial judgment.

(b) Vegetable Seeds are already under OGL.

(c) No, Sir.

Import of Seeds

2752. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the companies/firms who have applied import licences of seeds since new seed policy on seed development was announced by the Government on 16 September, 1988 alongwith the names, kinds of seeds, country of origin, quantity and the value thereof individually;

(b) what are the details of public notice No. 69-ITC(PN)/ 88-91 issued on 6th October, 1988 regarding grant of import licences for import of seeds;

(c) whether Government propose to allow import of certified/quality seeds of wheat and gram as anticipated in the country during 1989 to the extent of about 4 lakh quintals of wheat and one lakh quintals of grams; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if reply to part (c) above is in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) A statement is enclosed. (See below).

(b) Copy of Public Notice No. 60-ITC (PN)/88—91 dated 6th October, 1988 is enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 149]

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The shortage of certified/quality wheat and gram seed to the extent of 3.59 lakh quintals and 0.65 lakh quintals respectively during Rabi 1988-89 was met by advising the State Governments to procure quality seeds from various reliable sources, *viz.* Seed Growers, State Cooperatives, Food Corporation of India and State Civil Supplies Corporation etc., after duly testing for germination etc.

Statement

The details of seed recommended for import by this Ministry for grant of import Licence since 1st October, 1988

(Qty. in Kgs.)

Sl. No.	Name of Company	Item	Qty.	Source
1.	Project Officer Indo Swiss Project Visakhapatnam—10.	Seeds of Forage crops.	55.0	Australia
2.	M/s. German Remedies Ltd., Bombay.	Seeds of medicinal Plants.	25.0	West Germany
3.	Government of Himachal Pradesh.	Seeds of Fodder Crops	359.0	Australia
4.	Government of Uttar Pradesh.	Seeds of Grass and legumes	1580	Australia
5.	Governmeent of Himachal Pradesh.	Planting material of fruits/plants.	15635 No.	U.S.A.

Increase in the Prices of Aluminium by Primary Aluminium Producers

2753. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleasd to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price of aluminium metal has been hiked by the primary aluminium producers, consequent upon the lifting of price and distribut control ingots;

(b) if so, what is likely to be its impact on other industries utilizing aluminium as an input;

(c) what is likely to be its impact on the common man who uses aluminium for household purposes; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to contain this price use?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is reported that primary producers of aluminium have generally increased the ex-factory price of aluminium ingots by about Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 per kilogram, whereas the open market price has shown a downward trend despite